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NEW YORK TIMES

FOX BUTTERFIELD NOTES THAT FORMER PRESIDENT THIEU OF SOUTH VIETNAM IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TAIWAN, WHERE HE HAS BEEN STAYING, AND FLY TO ENGLAND NEXT WEEK, AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY. THEY SAID MR. THIEU MAY BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN BRITAIN. (A-1)

DREW MIDDLETON SAYS ISRAEL'S GROUND, AIR AND NAVAL FORCES ARE SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER IN NUMBERS, WEAPONS AND MORALE THAN THEY WERE WHEN THE EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS ATTACKED ON OCT. 6, 1973. (A-1)

PAUL KEMEZIS WRITES THAT FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY WILL BEGIN SYNCHRONIZED PROGRAMS AT THE END OF AUGUST TO IMPROVE THEIR ECONOMIES, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING OF FRANCE AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT OF WEST GERMANY ANNOUNCED AFTER CONFERRING IN BONN YESTERDAY. FRANCE WILL PUMP 3.5-BILLION DOLLARS INTO HER SLUGGISH ECONOMY AND WEST GERMANY WILL SPEND 2-BILLION DOLLARS, MUCH OF THE MOEY GOING INTO PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS. (A-1)

AP REPORTS THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER GANDHI YESTERDAY ARRESTED A GROUP OF PROMINENT ELDERLY CITIZENS WHO HAD THREATENED TO DEFY HER CURBS ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND SPEECH. RELATIVES SAID THE POLICE TOOK INTO CUSTODY AT DAWN EIGHT PERSONS WHO HAD SENT AN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. GANDHI THREE DAYS AGO URGING HER TO RETURN TO THE FREE-PRESS POLICY ADVOCATED BY HER FATHER. (A-1)

MARVINE HOWE SAYS PORTUGAL'S NEW MILITARY TRIUMVIRATE YESTERDAY FACED STRONG OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE PROSPECT OF GROWING UNREST MOUNTED. (A-2)

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CHARLES MOHR REPORTS THAT NGOLA KABANGU OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, REJECTED THE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO PREVENT STREET FIGHTING AND BLOODSHED IN LUANDA. "I DON'T BELIEVE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMUNISTS," MR. KABANGU SAID, BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS FORCES DID NOT INTEND TO "MASSACRE" CIVILIANS IN LUANDA OR TO DESTROY THE CITY. (A-2)

UPI REPORTS THAT THE SENATE APPROVED YESTERDAY A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD EXTEND "MOST-FAVORED-NATION" TRADE STATUS TO RUMANIA AND MAKE HER THE FIRST COMMUNIST COUNTRY TO BE GRANTED NONDISCRIMINATORY TARIFF TREATMENT SINCE CONGRESS TIED TRADE FAVORS TO FREE EMIGRATION POLICIES. (A-3)

DREW MIDDLETON CONTENDS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S TERMINATION TODAY OF UNITED STATES OPERATIONS AT ALL BUT ONE OF 27 BASES IS REGARDED BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE NATO AS A BLOW TO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING IN SENSITIVE MILITARY AREA. UNITED STATES AND OTHER NORTH ATLANTIC OFFICERS SAID THEY ALSO WERE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT TURKEY, ANGERED BY THE REFUSAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THURSDAY TO END THE FIVE-MONTH-OLD ARMS EMBARGO, MIGHT MOVE AWAY FROM THE ALLIANCE AND FURTHER WEAKEN ITS MEDITERRANEAN FLANK. (A-10)

JAMES M. MARKHAM BELIEVES THAT AS EGYPT MANEUVERS ON THE SINAI NEGOTIATING FRONT, SYRIA IS WAITING, WITH A MIXTURE OF IMPATIENCE AND SUSPICION, FOR HER OWN TURN IN THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF MIDDLE EASTERN PEACE TALKS. SYRIAN OFFICIALS STRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD HAS NO INTENTION OF REVOKING ITS APPROVAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WHEN THE MANDATE EXPIRES NOV. 30. (A-11)

NICHOLAS M. HORROCK STATES THAT RICHARD HELMS, WHILE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, PREPARED A MEMORANDUM IN THE FALL OF 1970 INFORMING YOU AND JOHN N. MITCHELL THAT THE AGENCY HAD SUPPLIED MACHINE GUNS AND TEAR-GAS GRENADES TO MEN PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. AUTHORITATIVE GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY. THE MEMORANDUM MAY BECOME CRUCIAL EVIDENCE AS THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ATTEMPTS TO LEARN WHO AUTHORIZED THE CIA TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PLANNING TWO MILITARY COUPS IN CHILE IN OCTOBER, 1970. (A-14)

DAVID BINDER WRITES THAT TWENTY-ONE NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS COMPLETED AMENDMENT OF THEIR HEMISPHERE SECURITY TREATY YESTERDAY AFTER HAVING DECIDED TO VOTE ON LIFTING THE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. (A-15)

FLORA LEWIS REPORTS THAT THIS WEEK THE NATIONS OF EUROPE, PLUS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA BUT MINUS ALBANIA, ARE TO SIGN A DOCUMENT OFFICIALLY CALLED "THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE." UNOFFICIALLY IT HAS BEEN CALLED AN "ERSATZ PEACE TREATY". IT IS GOING TO BE SIGNED IN SOLEMN POMP BY THE HEADS OF 35 STATES AS THE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF CHANGES THAT THE WAR MADE ON THE MAP OF EUROPE. (E-1)

A TIMES EDITORIAL STATES THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE TURKISH ACTION THAT MIGHT UPSET THE POLITICAL BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE

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EAST. TURKEY'S FORCES, INCLUDING AN ARMY OF 365,000 MEN, IS THE LARGEST AMONG THE EUROPEAN NATO FORCES. BUT THE TURKISH ARMY HAS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE SIX-MONTH ARMS BAN AND, ACCORDING TO TURKISH SOURCES, THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONSIDERING BUYING WEAPONS IN WESTERN EUROPE. WERE TURKEY TO SEEK FINANCING FROM THE ARABS FOR THE ARMS PURCHASE, SHE MIGHT BE INDUCED TO CHANGE HER PRESENT, FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL. (E-1)

THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS THAT LIKE MOST SUCH JOURNEYS OF HEADS OF STATE, PRESIDENT FORD'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO FINLAND TO SIGN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THEN TO THREE NATIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE IS A SYMBOLIC RATHER THAN A SUBSTANTIVE MISSION. INCREASINGLY ANGRY CONTROVERSY RECLOUDS THIS TRIP, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SHARP DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION AND ITS CRITICS AS TO WHAT THE PRECISE SYMBOLISM IS AND WHETHER THIS COUNTRY AND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES WILL PROFIT MORE, OR LESS, FROM IT THAN OUR SOVIET ADVERSARIES. (E-16)

A TIMES EDITORIAL REPORTS THAT THE NARROW HOUSE VOTE AGAINST LIFTING THE CONGRESSIONAL EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY REFLECTED THE STRONG FEELING THAT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF AMERICAN ARMS FOR NON-DEFENSE PURPOSES HAD BEEN VIOLATED BY TURKEY IN HER INVASION OF CYPRUS A YEAR AGO - AS INDEED IT HAD. THIS PRINCIPLE IS INCORPORATED IN ALL AMERICAN ARMS SALES AGREEMENTS; AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IT BE SUSTAINED. (E-16)

C. L. SULZBERGER WRITES THE ONLY FREE ELECTION WON BY A COMMUNIST PARTY WAS, SO FAR AS HE KNOWS, THAT OF THE VLADIVOSTOK CITY COUNCIL IN 1917 BUT THIS RECORD MAY SOON BE BROKEN ON A FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT SCALE, IN NATO ITALY. ONLY A TWO POINT PERCENTAGE SPREAD NOW SEPARATES THE COMMUNISTS HERE FROM THE LARGEST - IF WAVING - CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE STEADY MARXIST GAIN RESULTS FROM SEVERAL FACTORS. CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS HAVE PLAYED A POWER GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES, IN THE END ALWAYS MANAGING TO CLING TO CONTROL BUT THEIR VIGOR AND PRESTIGE HAVE GRADUALLY ERODED. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ONCE A VITAL ELECTORAL FORCE, HAS STEADILY WITHDRAWN SINCE THE PAPACY OF JOHN XXIII. THE UNITED STATES, WHICH INTERVENED HERE OPENLY IN ONE CRITICAL ELECTION AND LESS OPENLY LATER, USED TO INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADORS TO ROME: ABOVE ALL, KEEP ITALY FROM GOING COMMUNIST. THAT ADMONITION HAS APPARENTLY SLIPPED ON WASHINGTON'S ORDER OF PRIORITIES. AND FINALLY, THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, MOST IMPRESSIVE IN WESTERN EUROPE, DEVELOPED A REMARKABLY HIGH QUALITY OF LEADERS DURING THE POSTWAR PERIOD. (E-17)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

GENE OISHI WRITES THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AGREED YESTERDAY TO COORDINATE THEIR ECONOMIC PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL INITIATE A SERIES OF REFLATIONARY MEASURES IN LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL. (1)

WASHINGTON (AP) - WARNING OF A FOREIGN POLICY DISASTER, THE SENATE'S DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS PLEADED WITH THE HOUSE YESTERDAY TO RECONSIDER ITS VOTE CUTTING OFF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO

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TURKEY. SOME SENATORS ARGUED THAT THE MOVE IS A THREAT RATHER THAN A BOON TO GREECE BECAUSE TURKEY MIGHT COMMANDEER STOCKPILED U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND BECOME A NUCLEAR SUPERPOWER OVERNIGHT, MEANWHILE, PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE NOT CHANGED ANY U.S. ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY OR REMOVED ANY MILITARY PERSONNEL DESPITE TURKEY'S DECISION TO STOP ACTIVITIES AT U.S. BASES. (1)

CIVILIAN POLITICIANS AND SOME MODERATES IN THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY EXPRESSED FEARS OF A WAVE OF PURGES AND ARRESTS AFTER A THREE-MAN MILITARY JUNTA TOOK CHARGE OF PORTUGAL. (A-2)

PETER J. KUMPA SAYS THE FAILURE OF THE HOUSE TO EASE THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO HAS MILITARY AND STRATEGIC REVERBERATIONS THAT GO AROUND THE WORLD. ONE OF THE MOST CONCERNED COUNTRIES- THOUGH IT IS WORRYING PRIVATELY SO FAR- IS THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CHINESE CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE WEAKENING OF CRITICAL LINKS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION'S CHAIN OF DEFENSE WAS NOT BROUGHT UP IN A SPIRITED THREE-HOUR HOUSE DEBATE THURSDAY. (A-1)

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